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SUMMARY: DRC IS STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO PLACE AND COVERAGE OF NEXT NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP. DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE IN DRC MEETING TOWARD END OF JULY, ON BASIS OF NEW PAPER TO BE PREPARED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF, LAYING OUT A REDUCED NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES. END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION IN DRC ON JULY 17 NARROWED DOWN POSSIBLE LOCATIONS TO OSLO (LUXURY HOTEL OUTSIDE OF OSLO), OBERAMMERGAU (IN A HOTEL, NOT AT MILITARY BARRACKS), OR BRUSSELS. CHAIRMAN SAW FEW DISADVANTAGES AND MANY ADVANTAGES IN OBERAMMERGAU SITE. MONTEREY IS NOT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF HIGH TRAVEL COSTS.

2. ON COVERAGE, THERE IS FULL ACCEPTANCE OF NEED FOR A TECHNICAL WORKSHOP CONCENTRATING ON DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (PPBS). THERE IS ALMOST EQUAL RECOGNITION OF NEED UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR A SEPARATE WORKSHOP ON BORAD DEFENSE PLANNING PROBLEMS (E.G., BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE, AIR SITUATION, METHODS OF CALCULATION OF RELATIVE FORCE CAPABILITIES, ETC.). HOWEVER, THERE IS A RESIDUAL EFFORT BY CHAIRMAN (HUMPHREYS) AND ONE

OR TWO DELEGATIONS TO TIE THE TWO TOGETHER. HUMPHREYS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF TWO CONSECUTIVE WORKSHOPS AT SAME INSTALLATION USING SAME SUPPORT STAFF, WITH WEEKEND BREAK BETWEEN THE TWO SESSIONS. DMS COVERAGE WOULD BE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY OF FIRST WEEK, WITH BROADER QUESTIONS TAKEN UP MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

3. IF NO CLEAR AGREEMENT SEEMS LIKELY IN NEXT DISCUSSION ALONG LINES PARA 2, WE SEE COMPROMISE AS FOLLOWING RECENT PATTERN OF ONE WORKSHOP WITH FIRST THREE DAYS ON DMS AND LAST TWO DAYS ON MORE GENERAL QUESTIONS. COMPROMISE WOULD BE LIMITED TO NEXT WORKSHOP AND PART OF COMPROMISE WOULD BE AGREEMENT TO HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSION AT 10TH WORKSHOP ON DESIRABILITY OF HAVING AN ANNUAL FULL FIVE-DAY WORKSHOP ON DMS. NETHERLANDS SUPPORTS FIVE-DAY DMS STRONGLY BUT URGES THAT IT HAVE MORE RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE SO THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS COULD JOIN IN DISCUSSIONS, WITH NO SILENT SPECTATORS. RUMSFELD

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